



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Topp, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
Application No. 09/834,420) Examiner: Robert D. Harlan
Filed: 13 April 2001)
For: *Composite of a Vulcanizable Rubber*)
Composition and Cured Rubber Product) Peoria, IL 61602-1241
Attorney Docket No.: 64251-027) 23 May 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Mr. Harlan:

Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks on reasons for allowance :

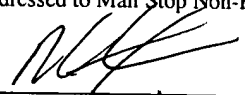
Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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